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Serial No.: 10/719,714
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Filed: 11/21/2003
For: VERTICALLY-ALIGNED (VA)
LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE
Art Unit: 2871
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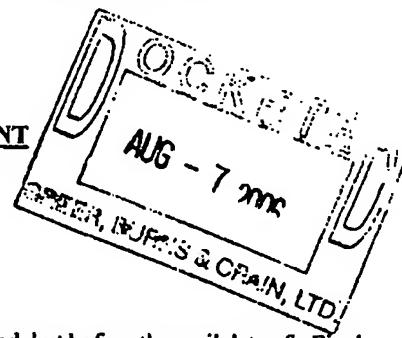
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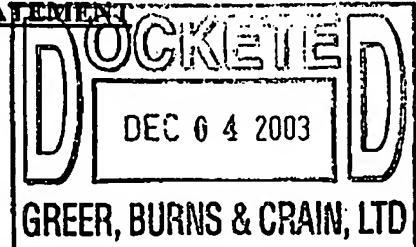
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